

Attachment C
Changes and Additions to the List of 56 Items
As Recommended by the Public
(Based on Input Received from Workshop No. 3)

Please Read This First: All Item numbers noted below refer to items enumerated on the List of 56 Possible Responses recommended by the Consultant. Suggested changes to the Consultants recommendations are shown in strike-out/italics mode. Where additions are suggested by public commenters, the initials of the issue area and an alpha letter are used. For example, additions pertaining to the Watershed Management issue area will be designated WMa, WMb, WMc, etc. In compiling these changes/additions, comments received at Workshop No. 3, marked up handouts of the List of 56 returned by the public, and comments received at the New Agreement website between February 28 and March 28, 2001 were considered.

Over-arching Item re. Integrated Planning*:

1. With *assurance* of ample opportunity for input from stakeholders (*including North Coast stakeholders affected by Sonoma and Marin Counties Russian River water use*), periodically (*every five years or such other specific period agreed to by the contractors*), provide adequate funding to quantify the best possible water resource mix which promotes thriving ecosystems for all native flora and fauna while seeking to optimize the supply of water and related services to customers. ~~Including~~ Include consideration of all available supplies such as conservation, recycling, ground water and surface water (*including Eel River diversions*) taking into account levels of reliability, and watershed needs and other environmental impacts.

* Note: Revisions proposed for Item 1 apply equally to Items 9, 10, 14, 18, 32, 43 and 46 since this suggested response is the same and touches on concerns raised about Conservation, Environmental Impacts, Watershed Management, Water Supply, Recycled Water, Ground Water, the Potter Valley Project and Transmission Project Design and Scheduling.

Conservation:

3. Include language that would encourage and ~~provide~~ *insure provision* of funds for innovative new water conservation strategies and a mechanism for funding successful programs *including follow-up analysis of effectiveness*.
- Ca. *Mandate use of conservation incentives.*
- Cb. *Provide for flexibility and local control of conservation programs so they can be tailored to local conditions and needs.*

Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

- EIa. *Quantify loss of environmental value from selecting certain water systems for development, and evaluate opportunities for avoiding environmental costs and restoring environmental damage. (Note: Applies to Watershed Management issue as well.)*

Watershed Management:

11. Include a methodology for identifying watershed restoration costs appropriately allocable to water contractors that are not or cannot be met from taxes and charges deposited in the Russian River Projects fund or from other appropriate sources. *Provide for aggressive seeking of funding assistance from State and federal sources.*

WMa. Require establishing strategies, policies and goals for entire watersheds.

WMb. Mandate exploring ways and means of addressing regional watershed management as a condition of the contract.

WMc. Reflect need for a regional effort, because watersheds do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries.

12. As part of the negotiation process, review SCWA's plans for use of monies deposited in the Russian River Project Fund and ~~consider what voice the water contractors should have with regard to fund~~ *provide for WAC approval of fund expenditures and what agreement provisions should be considered regarding same.*

13. Request Sonoma County to explore ways and means of addressing regional watershed management *based on providing for long-term sustainability and ecological integrity. Review reliance on Eel River diversions. (via the Russian River Watershed Council or some other means) and, as* As part of the negotiation process, address water contractors' responsibility regarding same.

WMd. Establish an advisory committee of stakeholders in the watershed to address water supply and quality issues. Use avoiding the construction of the proposed surface water treatment plant as a focal point for defining and implementing a watershed management program.

WMe. Establish requirement of an overall watershed plan, a budget, and an allocation of costs for watershed restoration.

Also see Item EIa.

Water Supply:

15. As part of the negotiation process review information on beneficial uses being made of *and negative impacts arising from*, Russian River waters and Eel River diversions.
16. *Provide support for State of California Dept. of Water Resource and SCWA updating enumeration of all water uses being made of Russian River waters including water imported from the Eel River. Include information on diversions and use being made of Eel River water in the summer.*
17. Provide support for updating Russian River model studies to calculate yield of system under various hydrologic conditions *and provide for developing water supply planning*

options based on the possibility that the Potter Valley Project might not be relicensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2022 or decommissioned prior to then. (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well).

WSa. Provide that water conserved stays in the river or stays in the ground and is not used to accommodate more development. (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well).

WSb. Include a provision in the agreement regarding reliance on Eel River Water. (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well).

Recycled Water:

RWa. Discontinue practice of taking funds from Water Contractors for funding local recycled water projects. This should be the funding responsibility of the local agency.

Agreement Governance:

22. Provide for ~~non-voting~~ voting participation on WAC by person(s) representing environmental ~~and/or regional~~ interests. *(Note: Another suggestion was to include a non-voting environmental representative on WAC.)*

AGa. Establish a separate SCWA Board, other than the County Board of Supervisors.

AGb. WAC representatives should be comprised solely of elected officials.

Ground Water

37. Expand definition of conservation to include “*slow the flow*” type programs and strategies that ~~encourage~~ *help* replenishment of local ground water where such replenishment could reduce demand on the Russian River.

GWa. Encourage establishment of laws, regulations and standards for the protection of ground water.

GWb. Encourage establishment of standards for minimizing the amount of impervious surface in new development projects. (Note: This would minimize runoff from urban areas and therefore be beneficial to river water quality as well.)

Gravel mining

44. Provide for appropriate monitoring and periodic reports on riverbed elevations at cross-sections in the vicinity of the collectors and tracking of elevations over time. *If gravel levels drop, provide that action will be taken against gravel mining.*

GMa. Expand Item 44 to include monitoring riverbed elevations in the vicinity of the gravel mining sites.

GMb. Fund study to quantify effect of gravel mining on the aquifer and determine how much gravel will be needed to preserve water quality in the future.

GMc. Provide for action by Water Contractors to protect gravel/naturally filtering water system.

Water Quality:

WQa. Provide for implementation of aggressive source control of septic systems, farm chemical and soil amendment use, and pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors.

Also see Item GWb.

Potter Valley Project:

Also see Item WSa and WSb.